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on page 101 *Dicranum fulvum* is listed where *D. montanum* was evidently intended, as is apparent from the key. It is to be hoped that members of the Torrey Botanical Club will in the near future devote themselves to the study of the flora of the metropolitan district with the purpose of publishing a series of papers similar to "The bryophytes of Connecticut" in order to facilitate the study and ready identification of both the seed-bearing and seedless plants of the vicinity of New York City. Meanwhile, "The bryophytes of Connecticut" will prove almost as useful in New York and indeed along our whole North Atlantic seaboard as it will in Connecticut.

MARSHALL A. HOWE.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB \*

JANUARY 12, 1909

The first meeting of the Club for 1909 was held at the American Museum of Natural History, with President Rusby in the chair. There were ten members present.

After the reading and approval of the minutes for December 8, 1908, the resignations of the following members were presented and accepted: Miss Anna Murray Vail, Miss Henrietta E. Hooker, Mrs. John R. Delafield, Mr. C. C. Hanmer, and Mr. Albert Ruth.

This being the annual meeting of the Club, reports were presented by the treasurer, editor, chairman of the field committee, and the secretary. These were read, accepted, and placed on file.

The editor reported the completion of Volume 35 of the *Bulletin*, containing 608 pages and 40 plates. The only *Memoir* published during 1908 was "A Study of the Lactariae of the United States" by Dr. Gertrude S. Burlingham. This paper was issued in May as No. 1 of Volume 14 of the Club's *Memoirs*, and contained 109 pages and 15 half tone illustrations.

Mr. Charles Louis Pollard presented his report as chairman of the field committee up to the time of his resignation in August. Mr. George V. Nash, who acted as chairman for the remainder

\* No meeting was held the last Wednesday in December.

of the season, presented a supplementary report. Mr. Norman Taylor was appointed by the president chairman of the field committee for 1909.

The secretary reported that 15 regular meetings had been held during the year, at which 463 persons were present. Nine persons have been elected to membership but not all have qualified, and 14 resignations have been received and accepted. Through death the Club has lost three members.

The treasurer's report indicated that the Club's finances are in a satisfactory condition.

The following officers were elected for the year 1909 :

*President* : Henry Hurd Rusby.

*Vice-Presidents* : Edward Sandford Burgess and John Hendley Barnhart.

*Secretary* : Percy Wilson.

*Treasurer* : William Mansfield.

*Editor* : Marshall Avery Howe.

*Associate Editors* : John Hendley Barnhart, Jean Broadhurst, Philip Dowell, Alexander W. Evans, Tracy Elliot Hazen, William Alphonso Murrill, Charles Louis Pollard, and Herbert Maule Richards.

The Club adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

PERCY WILSON,  
*Secretary*

## OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

### LABORATORY TEACHING

Professor Charles H. Shaw, discussing laboratory teaching for culture students in *Science* for September 11, states that the average student falls to a discouraging degree short of "developing that power of obtaining knowledge which it was planned that he should," and "as a matter of fact the hours when actual independent work is being done are few and precious, and the greater part of the laboratory time is spent in merely performing assigned tasks."

Professor Shaw further adds : " In looking for a solution my